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SUBJ: SOVIETS READY NEW OSLO AMBASSADOR

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND MARCH 1 HE TOLD ME SOVIETS WERE SEEKING TO NAME THEIR CURRENT AMBASSADOR TO ICELAND, YURIY ALEKSEYEVICH KIRICHENKO, TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR ROMANOVSKIY IN OSLO. KIRICHENKO WAS BORN IN 1936 AND IS SON-IN-LAW OF MARSHALL GRECHKO. AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN GRANTED SO FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED I HOLD MATTER IN CONFIDENCE. I UNDERSTAND THAT AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN BUT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED. ROMANOVSKIY LEAVES MARCH 18; NORWEGIANS ARE NOT AWARE OF HIS FUTURE PLANS.

2. AT SAME TIME FRYDENLUND SAID THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHEN SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO PLANNED TO ACCEPT THE LONG-STANDING OPEN INVITATION HE HAS TO VISIT OSLO, THOUGH HE UNDERSTOOD IT SEEMED MORE CONCRETE NOW BUT NOT OFFICIAL THAT GROMYKO WOULD VISIT SWEDEN IN THE FALL.

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